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SUBJECT: RETIREMENT MISS ANNABELLE MITCHELL, FSS-3

1. MISS ANNABELLE MITCHELL, FSS-3, SECRETARY TO
AMBASSADOR ANNENBERG, WISHES TO REQUEST RETIREMENT FROM
THE FOREIGN SERVICE EFFECTIVE COB MARCH 31, 1974.

2. ALTHOUGH THE EMBASSY ENDORSES HER REQUEST IN ORDER
THAT SHE MAY BE ASSURED OF RECEIVING THE 6.3 PERCENT
COST OF LIVING BENEFIT WHICH BECOMES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1,
HER DEPARTURE AT THAT TIME WOULD CREATE INSURMOUNTABLE
OPERATIONAL DIFFICULTIES WITHIN THE AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE.
THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT POLITICAL COUNSELOR
GALLOWAY, WHO HAS DOUBLED AS THE AMBASSADOR'S SPECIAL
ASSISTANT FOR THE PAST YEAR, IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART
LONDON MARCH 16 ON REASSIGNMENT TO WASHINGTON. THE LOSS
OF MISS MITCHELL'S SKILLS AND CONTINUITY TWO WEEKS LATER
IS SIMPLY NOT FEASIBLE. AMBASSADOR ANNENBERG THEREFORE
REQUESTS THAT MISS MITCHELL BE GRANTED A 90 DAY FSR
APPOINTMENT TO INSURE HER AVAILABILITY THROUGH JUNE 30,
1974. SHE IS ENTIRELY AGREEABLE TO THIS ARRANGEMENT.
THIS PLAN WILL SERVE THE FAIR INTERESTS OF BOTH MISS
MITCHELL AND THE EMBASSY AND THE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL
IS REQUESTED.

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